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**DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES:**

**ATTENTION: Adult Protective Services Supervisors**

**SUBJECT: TRAINING ON THE DYNAMICS OF MISTREATMENT AMONG  
ELDERLY AND DISABLED ADULTS**

The Division of Aging and Adult Services is pleased to announce the availability of a one-day workshop entitled *Dynamics of Mistreatment Among Elderly and Disabled Adults*. The workshop will be offered on October 15, 2008 at Iredell County DSS in Statesville and on February 10, 2009 at Johnston County DSS in Smithfield.

This workshop will provide participants an excellent opportunity to learn about and discuss the emotional and psychological aspects of mistreatment. It will provide participants with insight into the psychological dynamics involved in many Adult Protective Services (APS) cases. The workshop will utilize lecture and small group discussions to introduce participants to these psychological dynamics. The workshop will also provide an understanding of how to identify and assess family abuse dynamics and examine how to develop and integrate solutions, based on an understanding of these dynamics, into practice in APS cases.

Social workers and supervisors with responsibility for evaluating and planning service interventions in APS cases will benefit from attending this workshop. The workshop is being offered as an advanced level training (beyond the APS Basic Skills Training) for APS staff. **All participants should have completed both Modules I and II of the *Adult Protective Services Basic Skills Training* prior to attending this workshop. Please bring your APS Manual, which can be found at <http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/doa/aps/man/>.**

A maximum of thirty participants will be accepted at each of the training sites. **Please complete registration information at least 2 weeks in advance before the chosen event. You must pre-register** even though there is no registration fee. Participants can expect to receive a confirmation letter and specific information about the training site after registering. **Registration is to be completed online at <http://www.ncswLearn.org>**

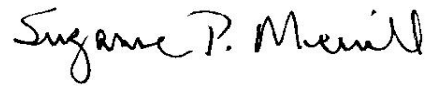
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Each workshop **starts promptly at 9:00 a.m.** and will **end by 4:00 p.m.** **Check-in is at 8:30 a.m.**  
There will be no on-site registration.

Refreshments will not be provided; however, participants are welcome to bring their own drinks and snacks.

If you need additional information or have questions regarding the content of the workshops, please contact Sarah Lugar at (919) 733-3818, or your Adult Programs Representative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suzanne P. Merrill". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Suzanne P. Merrill, Chief  
Adult Services Section

SPM/sel

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